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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STORY ON THE TACHILEK NARCOTICS SEIZURE WHICH WAS PRINTED IN THE AUGUST 25 ISSUE OF THE GUARDIAN. OTHER RANGOON NEWSPAPERS CARRIED SIMILAR ACCOUNTS.
BEGIN QUOTE:
PERSONNEL OF OPERATION AUNG MOE HEIN OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU ON AUGUST 19 AND 20 SEIZED A TOTAL OF 675 KILOGRAMMES OF NARCOTIC DRUGS--84.3 KILOGRAMMES OF NO.4 HEROIN, 130 KILOGRAMMES OF NO.4 GRADE OPIUM POWDER, 29.9 KILOGRAMMES OF MORPHINE BLOCKS OF 999 BRAND, 430.8 KILOGRAMMES OF RAW OPIUM IN TACHILEK ALONG WITH TWO MEN AND FOUR M-16 RIFLES, A CARBINE, A 9 MM PISTOL, A M 67 HAND GRENADE, 671 ROUNDS OF ASSORTED AMMUNITION AND A BULLET-PROOF VEST.
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UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BURMA SOCIALIST PROGRAMME PARTY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE PYITHU HLUTTAW THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN UNITEDLY FIGHTING AGAINST THE DANGER OF NARCOTIC DRUGS WHICH COULD LEAD TO DEGENERATION OF THE PEOPLE. JUST AS THE TATMADAW IS FIGHTING ARMED IN-SURGENT OPIUM SMUGGLERS THROUGH SUCCESSIVE PHASES OF OPERATION MOE HEIN, THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU HAS BEEN CARRYING

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OUT OPERATION AUNG MOE HEIN, NOW SCORING A BIG SUCCESS, THAT SET A RECORD IN THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTIC DRUGS.

PERSONNEL OF OPERATION AUNG MOE HEIN UNDER PLANS MADE BY THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU RAIDED THE HOMES OF AIK TUI AND SAN KAU LI IN PONHTON QUARTER OF TACHILEK ON THE BANKS OF MAE SAI CREEK AND CLOSE TO THE THAI TERRITORY ON AUGUST 19 AND THE HOMES OF SAN NYAT (A) SAN LIAN AND MAR HUI (A) MUN HUI (A) AH MEI ON AUGUST 20 AND SEIZED THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NARCOTIC DURGS AND ARMS SECRETED IN CELLARS AND INSIDE THE WALLS.

IN THE OPERATION AIK TUI AND SAN KAU LI WERE CAPTURED WHILE SAN NYAT (A) SAN LIAN AND MAR HUI (AL MUN HUI (A) AH MEI ESCAPED FROM THE BACK DOOR AND CROSSED THE MAE SAI CREEK INTO THAILAND.

ACCORING TO INVESTIGATIONS MADE BY THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU MONEYED CHINESE IN MAE SAI IN THAILAND ACROD THE CREEK FOR TACHILEK INVESTED MONEY AND COLLECTED CHEMICALS AND UNDER THE PROTECTION OF ARMED KMT INSURGENT ZICORTS SECRETLY SET UP HEROIN REFINERIES ALONG THE THAI-BURMA BORDER AND STORED THE DRUGS AT THE HOUSES WHERE THE ABOVE SEIZURES WERE MADE.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU IS CONTINUING THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTIC DRUGS. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THOSE ARRESTED AND THEIR COHORTS. THE PEOPLE'S POLICE FORCE IS ALSO CO-ORDINATING WITH INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES CONNEXION WITH THE MATTER.
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END QUOTE.

2. THE "NO. 4 GRADE OPIUM POWDER" WAS DESCRIBED TO US BY GUB CHEMISTS AS NUMBER THREE HEROIN OF UNUSUALLY HIGH PURITY.

3. "AUNG MOE HEIN" MEANS VICTORIOUS THUNDER.

4. THE GUB WILL VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE PROPOSED WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE (REFTEL), AND WE RECOMMEND THAT IT BE ISSUED ASAP.
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